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LYCIA ZONARIA HARRISON (LEPIDOPTERA: GEOMETRIDAE)
LARVAL FOODPLANT IN SCOTLAND — On a trip to the west coast of Scotland at the end of July 1986 I located a large number of larvae of this species feeding on yellow flag (*Iris pseudacorus* L.). The larvae were nearly full grown and quite easy to see; they were feeding in daylight eating from the straight edge of the leaf and producing characteristic semicircular holes one to two centimetres across. I can find no modern reference to flag as a foodplant for this species, but I received the impression that it was the preferred food in this locality. COLIN HART, Fourpenny Cottage, Dungates Lane, Buckland, Betchworth, Surrey.

DELTOTE BANKIANA FABRICIUS (LEPIDOPTERA: NOCTUIDAE) IN SOUTH-EAST KENT — On the night of 27th June 1986 in Ham Street Woods I was surprised to find a single specimen of this species attracted to light. This was a warm night with little wind and the fine conditions produced 106 species of macrolepidoptera including about fifty specimens of *Moma alpium*. COLIN HART, Fourpenny Cottage, Dungates Lane, Buckland, Betchworth, Surrey.

AN UNUSUAL VARIANT OF THE CATERPILLAR OF THE LIME HAWK, MIMAS TILIAE (L.) (LEPIDOPTERA, SPHINGIDAE). — On 18th Sept. 1985 a hawkmoth caterpillar, which had been found on a tree on Strand on the Green, Chiswick was handed to me for identification. It was small, little more than 3 cm. long, and I thought obviously less than half-grown. Its most noteworthy feature was the lack of lateral stripes save one at the rear; the tail was bright blue. I could find no illustration to match it. I took the caterpillar home and supplied it with a variety of foliage: lime, elm, willow, poplar, apple etc. all of which were refused. I then lost it but later found it heading downstairs from my study. Clearly it wished to pupate and was therefore supplied with soil in a jar. By the 25th it had pupated and its small size at this stage indicated it was probably a lime hawk and so it proved to be. On the 3rd June 1986 or a little earlier a female with rather misshapen wings and damaged mouth parts emerged and promptly laid sterile bright green eggs. — B. VERDCOURT, Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew, Richmond, Surrey.